

March 5, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-30 Related to Electrical Utilities and Their Current Voluntary Renewable Energy Program, and Such Other Proceedings Required by the Commission  
Docket No. 2019-207-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)  
Docket No. 2019-208-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)**

Dear Ms. Boyd,

On February 3, 2021, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), issued Order No. 2021-78 instructing the parties of record in the above-referenced dockets to file a status update and a proposed procedural schedule regarding Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC’s (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC’s (“DEP,” and together with DEC, the “Companies”) voluntary renewable energy programs required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-30. In compliance with the Commission’s order, the Companies are providing the Commission with the following information.

On October 10, 2018, the Companies filed a Joint Application to Establish Green Source Advantage Programs (“GSA Programs”) and Riders GSA (the “Application”). The Commission established Docket No. 2018-320-E for consideration of the Companies’ Application. The GSA Programs were designed to allow participating eligible customers to procure new renewable energy facilities dedicated to the GSA Programs and to facilitate these GSA customers obtaining the renewable energy attributes and renewable energy credits to meet their sustainability goals.

Subsequent to the filing of the Companies’ Application, on May 9, 2019, the South Carolina General Assembly enacted the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (“Act 62”). Act 62, in part, directed electrical utilities to file proposed voluntary renewable energy programs for review or approval by the Commission.<sup>1</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-30 set forth specific requirements for voluntary renewable energy programs, including that such programs must allow participating customers to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable

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<sup>1</sup> See S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-30.

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energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility.

As a result of Act 62, on May 29, 2019, the Commission issued Order No. 2019-397, directing the Companies to review their proposed GSA Programs and to make any needed amendments to conform their proposed GSA Programs to the requirements of Act 62. On August 30, 2019, the Companies filed limited amendments to their GSA Programs and began a lengthy stakeholder process to review the proposed GSA Programs in an effort to resolve outstanding issues in controversy.

Taking the stakeholder input into account, on October 23, 2020, the Companies filed updated GSA Programs and Riders GSA. On January 28, 2021, the Commission issued Order No. 2021-63 approving the GSA Programs and Riders GSA as consistent with Act 62.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the Companies' GSA Programs satisfy the Companies' obligation to each establish a voluntary renewable energy program under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-30, and any issues pending in Docket Nos. 2019-207-E and 2019-208-E were disposed of in Order No. 2021-63. The Companies do not expect to take any further action in Docket Nos. 2019-207-E or 2019-208-E.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Dulin

C: Parties of Record (via email)

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<sup>2</sup> "Accordingly, as further addressed in this Order, the Commission hereby approves the Companies' GSA Programs as new voluntary renewable energy programs that are in the public interest and meet the requirements of Act 62." Order No. 2021-63, p. 2.